

National Public Lands Day Events

Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas

Sept. 21

Barren River Lake State Resort Park and Barren River Lake U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invite you to participate in the Trashmaster's Classic Lakeshore Cleanup on Sept. 21, sponsored by Friends of Barren River Lake and Park. This is a National Public Lands Day event. Looking for a great way to educate your children about environmental awareness, or are you and your family looking for an opportunity to make a difference in the community? If so, visit one of the following Barren River Lake boat ramps locations at 8 a.m. on Sept. 21: Peninsula, Bailey's Point, Walnut Creek, State Park, Narrows, Port Oliver or Beaver Creek. If you own a pontoon boat your help is needed to shuttle volunteers to and from the shoreline. After all your hard work, registered volunteers can join us at the Barren River Lake State Resort Park beach from Noon-3 p.m. CST for free food, door prizes, and live entertainment. For more information contact Jamie Avery at 270-646-2151, ext. 2415 or at jamie.avery@ky.gov. You can also contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 270-646-2055.

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park will hold a cleanup and beautification day to celebrate National Public Lands Day. Although geared to Scout groups, who can earn patches and certificates, any child or adult is welcome to participate in the cleanup and beautification projects on the park, and in sessions on "Leave No Trace" and "Project Learning Tree." A tree planting will conclude the event. Call 1-800-325-0058.

Columbus-Belmont State Park, Columbus

Columbus-Belmont State Park will hold its "Trails and Trenches Preservation Day" starting at 9 a.m. at the snack bar. Volunteers can pick up trash, cut limbs and brush, and help replace fences and signs. Bring tools and gloves. Free museum admission for all who participate. Call 270-677-2327 or email cindy.lynn@ky.gov for information.

General Burnside Island State Park, Burnside

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The park will be participating in the 24th Annual Lake Cumberland Cleanup sponsored by the Friends of Lake Cumberland on Sept. 21. Cleanup will take place at various locations around the lake, including General Burnside Island State Park from 9-11 a.m. Gloves and bags will be provided. Prizes for most garbage bags filled. Free food and prizes will be provided at an appreciation picnic at noon EDT at the park. For information, call Steve Syphax at 606-451-1402.

John James Audubon State Park, Henderson

Volunteer to protect America's public lands from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Projects to be tackled will depend on the number of volunteers. Possible projects include protecting our native plants by removing an aggressive invasive plant, work on trail erosion areas, or both. Wear comfortable shoes or boots, bring garden gloves and a shovel (if you have these items) and wear long pants. Meet at the park office. Staff Contact: Julie McDonald at 270-826-2247 or juliea.mcdonald@ky.gov

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, Jamestown**Sept. 21**

The park will be participating in the 24th Annual Lake Cumberland Cleanup sponsored by the Friends of Lake Cumberland on Sept. 21. Cleanup will take place at various locations around the lake, including the Lake Cumberland State Resort Park launching ramp from 9-11 a.m. Gloves and bags will be provided. Prizes for most garbage bags filled. Free food and prizes will be provided at an appreciation picnic at noon CDT at the park. For information, call Steve Syphax at 606-451-1402.

Rough River Dam State Resort Park, Falls of Rough**Sept. 14**

Rough River Dam State Resort Park, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Friends of Rough River will host the 2013 Trash Bash on Rough River Lake on Saturday, Sept.

14. Residents and organizations from around Rough River Lake will scour the lake shore for trash and debris. This annual cleanup contributes not only to the beauty of the lake but to the lake's health by removing trash and garbage that could adversely affect wildlife and fish on the 5,000-acre lake. After a morning of hard work, all volunteers will meet for lunch. The project has been held every year for the past 10 years and has resulted in the removal of tens of thousands of pounds of debris from the lake. Call 270-257-2311.

Taylorsville Lake State Park, Taylorsville

Taylorsville Lake will have its annual **Clean Sweep**. Taylorsville Lake Conservation Association sponsors the cleanup – along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Taylorsville Lake State Park. Volunteers will be picking up trash around the lake. Volunteers gather at the shelters above Possum Ridge Boat Ramp on Taylorsville Lake State Park at 8 a.m. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served for lunch. Call 502-477-8882 for information.